(a) the details of the ongoing works and projects in different zones of Railways as at present; and

(b) the plans for the remaining period of the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Zone-wise details of ongoing railway projects is available in Railway Budget documents 2009-10.

(b) 250 km of new lines, 1300 km of gauge conversion and 700 km of doubling is targeted for completion during the current financial year.

Railway recruitment examination

3379. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to hold railway recruitment examination on a single day in the entire country to curb the malpractices in the railway recruitment;

(b) if so, the details of plan to conduct such examination on the same day throughout the country; and

(c) the steps being taken to prevent existing corruption in railway recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) In order to make the recruitment process more transparent and fair, it has been decided to hold the examination for a particular category on the same date simultaneously by all the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs). A nodal RRB has been nominated for each category. The nodal Railway Recruitment Board will issue Centralized Employment Notice on behalf of all concerned RRBs alongwith other details. Individual RRB will also issue indicative Employment Notice(s). The candidates can submit the application to any RRB but will be able to appear in the examination only at one place.

(c) A well laid down system/procedure is already in existence for conducting recruitment to various posts in Indian Railways. Whenever any case of irregularity or complaint is received, the matter is duly investigated and based on the investigation, deterrent/preventive action is taken.

Expansion of computerized rail network

†3380. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has expanded the network of its computerized rail ticket counters in the entire country;

(b) if so, the details of such counters, State-wise and region-wise;

(c) whether certain railway stations are yet to be computerized in the country; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.